

2019 Charles E. Shannon Community Safety Initiative

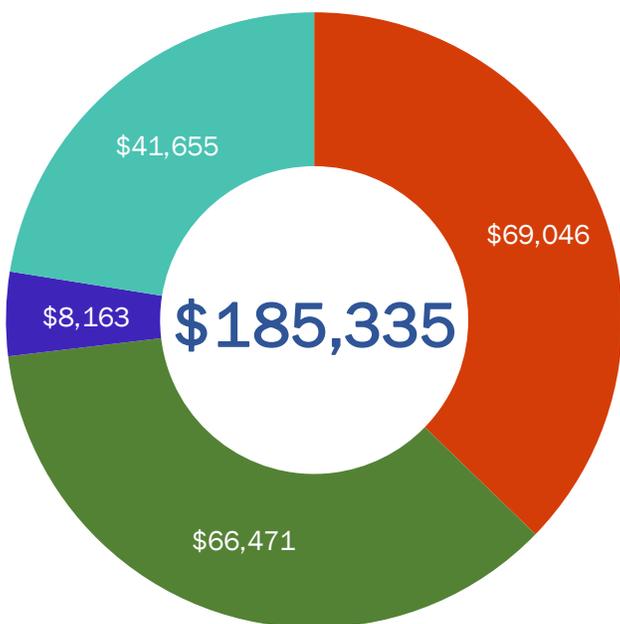
HAVERHILL / METHUEN

Funded Partners

Boys & Girls Club of Greater Haverhill, Haverhill Police Department, Methuen Arlington Neighborhood, Inc., Methuen Police Department, Mt. Washington Alliance/Community Action Inc., North Shore YMCA, Haverhill, UTEC, Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School and YWCA of Northeastern Mass.

Funded by the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's Office of Grants and Research, the Charles E. Shannon Community Safety Initiative (Shannon) is modeled after the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's Comprehensive Gang Model. Shannon is a multi-sector approach used to address a community's gang and youth violence problem. Each community receiving Shannon funding demonstrates the presence of risk factors for youth and gang violence. Shannon participants must be between the ages of 10-24 years.

FUNDING ALLOCATION



1,289 YOUTH SERVED

76%
LOW-RISK*

Youth in danger of engaging in risky behavior or gang activity due to the presence of known risk factors such as exposure to gang affiliates in their home or community.

10%
MODERATE-RISK*

Youth exposed to the same risk factors as low-risk youth, as well as additional risk factors such as school failure, dropping out, truancy, substance abuse, and gang involvement.

14%
HIGH-RISK*

Youth who are perpetrators or victims of shooting or stabbing violence, and/or are known gang members.

* % of youth assessed for level of risk.

STRATEGIES & OUTCOMES

Positive Youth Development & Recreation*



2,067

Participated in Positive Youth Development Programs

354

Developed Communication & Conflict Resolution Skills

Case Management, Street Outreach, or Intervention



142

Received Street Outreach Services

80

Street Outreach Deployments to Hot Spots

Education & Employment



110

Participated in Education Programs

34

Completed a Subsidized Employment Program

Suppression



181

Hot Spot Patrols Completed

46

Law Enforcement Supported Home Visits

Community Mobilization



2,717

People Attended Events, Meetings, & Presentations

132

Community Events, Meetings, & Presentations Held

* Positive Youth Development refers to intentional efforts to provide opportunities for you to enhance their interest, skills, and abilities.

Community Risk Factors

MASSACHUSETTS

HAVERHILL

METHUEN

Total Population (2018 Estimate)	6,892,503	64,041	50,698
Population Lives in Poverty	10.0%	13.2%	9.3%
Unemployment Rate	2.94%	3.10%	3.33%
Total School Population (2018-2019)	1,007,005	10,081	8,232
Economically Disadvantaged	32.8%	48.3%	35.7%
High School Dropout Rate	1.9%	2.6%	1.2%

Sources: www.census.gov/quickfacts; profiles.doe.mass.edu/; www.mass.gov/lwd/economic-data/

Gang Activity in Haverhill/Methuen

20

Street Gangs

183

Gang Members Under 25

In 2019, the Haverhill and Methuen Police Departments confirmed 20 gangs comprising 552 active members. Named gangs included five national gangs: Bloods, Crips, Latin Kings, Trinitarios, and Gangsta Disciples, as well as several offshoots and smaller gangs. Gang activity included home invasions, robbery, burglary, shootings, and assaults. The Methuen Police Department has noted an recent increase in tagging by the Crips and Bloods.

5-Year Crime Trends for Young People Ages 10-24, 2015-2019

MASSACHUSETTS SIMPLE ASSAULT

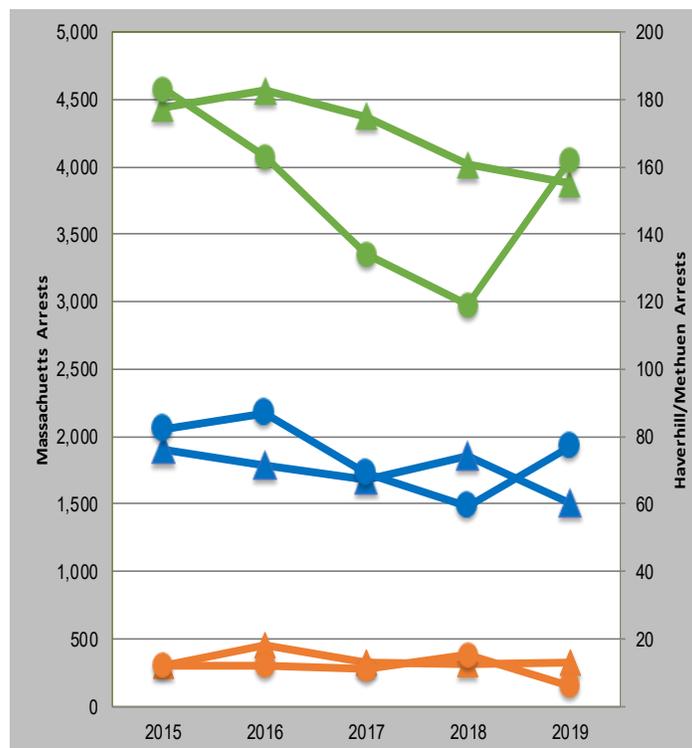
Simple assault arrests declined by 12.7% since 2015 (563 arrests)

MASSACHUSETTS AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

Aggravated assault arrests declined by 20.6% since 2015 (391 arrests)

MASSACHUSETTS ROBBERY

Robbery arrests increased by 10% since 2015 (30 arrests)



HAVERHILL/METHUEN SIMPLE ASSAULT

Simple assault arrests declined by 11.5% since 2015 (21 arrests)

HAVERHILL/METHUEN AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

Aggravated assault arrests declined by 6.1% since 2015 (5 arrests)

HAVERHILL/METHUEN ROBBERY

Robbery arrests declined by 50% since 2015 (6 arrests)